



FACULDADE DE ARQUITETURA E URBANISMO E DE DESIGN

UNIVERSIDADE DE SÃO PAULO

INFO SHEET - YEAR 2025

FAU-USP - INTERNATIONAL OFFICE



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Undergraduate courses:

- Architecture and Urbanism
- Design

Graduate courses:

- Technology of Architecture
- History and Fundamentals of Architecture and Urbanism
- Design and Architecture
- Landscape and Environment
- Project, Space and Culture
- Habitat
- Architectural Project
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Design



FAU-USP Course Programs

[Architecture Program](#)

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[Graduate Programs](#)

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USP Calendar - Year 2025

1st Semester:
27/Feb to 07/Jul

2nd Semester:
04/Aug to 12/Dec

Nomination

Nominations must be made by the **home institutions**, no nomination made by the student will be accepted.

We ask our partners to use the link below to make the nomination: [GOOGLE FORMS - NOMINATION TO FAU-USP](#)

Date for nomination:

1st Semester : 01/Aug - 05/Oct

2nd Semester : 01/Mar - 05/May

OBS.: If a different deadline is required, please contact us:
international.fau@usp.br / incoming.fau@usp.br

OBS.: The FAU-USP Architecture and Design undergraduate program last for 5 years. Therefore, students of the "Master" cycle degree (according to the Bologna Treaty) are recognized at USP as undergraduate students.

For that reason, these students MUST attend classes at the undergraduate level course.



Application

DEADLINE: 1st Semester: 15/October
2nd Semester: 15/May

This step is performed **by the student**.

After the nomination, between 1 to 3 business days, a link to the Mundus system will be sent by email for the student to complete his/her Application.

Documents requested in the Application step for upload to Mundus:

- **Transcript of Records** (of the current course): versions in English, Spanish and Portuguese are accepted. Otherwise, it must be sent along with a simple translation into Portuguese;
- **Learning Agreement** ([Model USP Draft](#)) signed and stamped by person who has the authority to approve the mobility programme of exchange students;
- **Passport** (bio date page): It must be valid for the period of exchange at USP;
- **Photo in “.jpg” format** (max. 50Kb): photo that shows the person's face directly facing the camera;
- **Recommendation letter** (optional): issued by an academic authority at the home university (in Portuguese, English or Spanish). A one or two page letter on which the academic explains his/her relationship with the student and recommends their admission.
- **Health insurance**: it is mandatory during the exchange period in Brazil. If the student is unable to take out the insurance at the time of application, he / she can forward the proof after the application period.

Note: A student who does not complete the application will be considered withdrawn from the exchange at USP and we will not be able to process his/her application.

Application

At the time of application, the student must select the disciplines he/she intends to study at FAU-USP and complete the Learning Agreement.

Attention: In the application phase, **students are not yet enrolled in the disciplines**, so it is not guaranteed that they will take the selected disciplines when the exchange will begin.

For this reason, we advise students to plan their **Learning Agreement using "Mandatory" subjects**. The offer of the "Optional" disciplines is defined between 1 and 2 months before the beginning of the semester (after the application period).

Note: The list of "Mandatory" and "Optional" FAU disciplines can be found in the links below.

FAU-USP Disciplines: Links

[Architecture Program](#)

[Design Program](#)

[Graduate Programs](#)

Portuguese Language

Language in classes: Portuguese

Proficiency level: We advise students to have an intermediate level of Portuguese (B1 or B2).

USP offers some courses for teaching and improving Portuguese. Below are some links to the courses:

[Centro de Línguas FFLCH](#)

[PoLínguas](#)

[VIVA USP](#)

iFriend USP

The international student can register for the iFriend USP program to receive support upon the arrival and adaptation to Brazil and the University of São Paulo. He or she'll also have the chance to learn more about Brazilian culture and make new friends.

[Link for more info](#)

Acceptance Letter

We will send by e-mail the acceptance letters of acceptance in bilingual document (Portuguese and English).

The acceptance letter is signed electronically, therefore a **physical letter will not be sent to students.**

Deadline for our office to send letters:

1st Semester: late November

2nd Semester: late June

Note: Any adjustment request in the acceptance letter must be made within one week after we send the document. **After this period** it will not be possible to change the data in the acceptance letter.

VISA

Students should come to Brazil with the visa corresponding to their activity (study). It will not be possible to register if the student does not have the correct visa.

More info: <https://internationaloffice.usp.br/en/index.php/foreigners/>

Housing

In this moment, USP doesn't offer housing for exchange students. For that reason, USP encourages the students to participate in the [USP iFriends program](#), in order to get information about housing.

We recommend that students look for accommodation in neighborhoods close to the Butantã campus and the yellow line subway stations, for example: Butantã, Pinheiros, Vila Sônia.

We also advise students to talk to exchange students who are already in São Paulo, to help with housing suggestions and tips.

Discipline Enrollment

Enrollment in the FAU's disciplines takes place **after the start of the semester classes.**

Our international office will forward information on how to enroll one month before the start of the semester.

Discipline Approval

Students are considered approved in USP disciplines if they meet the requirements below:

- a grade equal to or greater than 5.0, **AND**
- have a further 75% class attendance

Note: The minimum recommended workload to be completed by the student is **8 hours per week**

USP Credit System

The USP credits can be divided into:

- **Class Credits (crédito aula)**, that one credit corresponds to 15 hours/semester of instructional sessions **and**
- **Coursework Credits (crédito trabalho)**: that one credit corresponds to 30 hours/semester of hours of coursework.

E.g.:

Disciplina: AUP2002 - Projeto Integrado
Integrated Project

Créditos Aula: 8

Créditos Trabalho: 2

Carga Horária Total: 180 h

$$8 \times 15 = 120$$

$$2 \times 30 = 60$$

$$\text{total: } 180 \text{ h / semester}$$

Note: The equivalence of USP credits to credits of home institution is carried out by the home institution.

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Our administrative team at the FAU international office is always available to help with any questions about our international mobility!

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